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FUNERAL SERVICE

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Our loss
Is gain in other times.
Our hopes on future bent
Must then depend on incidents like these
For bodies wear
And in
The fine grist mill of time
Are spent in service such
As yours
And go, our time by smallest time
Into the yesterday wherein began
The conquest of Eternity.
What did we know

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When yesterday we wept?

What grip upon us had our ignorance
That we in our conceit did feel
That all of us were mortal here
And lives once led were spent
And wasted on our selfish selves.
How narrow is such scope
To feel that we
Should be eternally
The goal of all the toil
And wretchedness
From birth to death
And like a play
The curtain dropped
And left an empty stage.
How dull of us to feel that we
Were all the target of this strife
And that we lived but once
And living then did reconcile
The whole in one brief life.
Oh no, a wider drama here
Was planned and staged
And we with narrowness of mind
Did overlook the plan.
We said that all is
Mortal flesh
The spirit just a thing
To send, for pence
To some strange heaven
There to waste its skill
Or had we not the price
To some deep other place
To pain, and waste again
The life.
To what dark depths
Were dropped our minds
To feel that flesh
Is capable of love or trust or
Livingness
To feel that fingernails and masks
Are all we need to dream.
To what deep place
Did our love go
That mass could recompense?
Anxieties that ruled our years
Were nurtured here
And we
Made blind and dumb

By other greed
Spanned down our lives
To One.
What waste!
To feel that all our love
Our work,
Our gifts,
Our knowledge and our
Sighs
Were meant
To be consumed
All in one
Breath and flash
And by one name?
Today, come wiser now
The chains gone weak
The tyranny of cult
Gone tired with the years
We look
We find we *live*
Not once
But on and on
From body's birth to
Body's grave and then
To birth again
And yea to grave again
So to dispose possessions
Oft come undone
With livingness.
From century to century
From age to age and on
We go in march along
The path that leads
Forever up the countless
Tick of time.
We crawl, we walk, we fly
We win
From here and evermore
The heritage of all our lives
And spend it once again.
Why this is no sad and
Bleakish look
No sorrowed thing
This life.
This is an adventure pure
Where without knife or
Provender we leap
Aloft into eternity

And span forever in a breath.

This is adventure where

We step from tie to

Body tie

And go

Our way.

Our suff'ring is

Self centred here

For we have lost

In truth

The smile,

The touch,

The skill and happiness

We gained

From (deceased),

Who gave to us

From his/her past

Ability to live

And fare against

The tides and storms of fate

It's true we've lost

His/her shoulder

Up against the wheel

And lost as well his/her counsel

And his/her strength

But lost them

Only for a while.

He/she goes

Not with the dismal roll drum

But with a whisper like

A Faery's sigh

To smooth the way

For when we come.

He'll/she'll be in some good

Future time

And future place

His/her smile

His/her touch

His/her skill

Invested there to make

A way of life.

True, true we may not

Know him/her then and

Only know his/her work

But still

If we sent not ahead

Our vedettes into time

We would not have

A race.

And so, branched off from
This Genetic Line

And into some new
Corner or new world

We've sent you, (deceased)
And there there'll be

We know it now,

A smile,

A touch,

A happiness for us
And you

You could not find

On earth

And so it turns

The day, the year,

The age.

And so we go

With banners furled

And quietly

Upon our way.

But now we know

And now we'll find

The Way.

Into the dark

Has come the Light

Into tomorrow

Enters night

Into heaven

Go no more

Into life our

Spirits soar

Conquering ever

Wisdom's store

We do not tremble

Faced with death

We know that living

Is not breath.

Prevail!

Go, (deceased)

And take

The life

That offers now

And live

In good expectancy

That we

Go, (deceased)

You can control

That which you must.

Our loss

is gain

In wisdom and in skill

To future dates and other smiles

And so we send into the

Chain of all enduring time

Our heritage

Our hope

Our friend.

Goodbye, (deceased).

Your people thank you for having lived

Earth is Better for your having lived

Men, women and children are alive today

Because you lived.

We thank you for coming to us.

We do not contest your

Right to go away.

Your debts are paid.

This chapter of they life is shut

Go now, dear (deceased) and live once
more

In happier time and place.

Thank you, (deceased).

And now here lift up

Your eyes and say to

Him/her

Goodbye.

(Congregation): Goodbye.

Goodbye, our dear

Goodbye.

We'll miss you, you know.

Let the body now

Draw away

To be consumed to ashes

And to dust

In earthly and in cleanly fire

To be no more, no more.

And that is done.

Come friends,

He/she is all right

And he/she is gone.

We have our work

To do. And he/she has his/hers.

He/she will be welcome there.

To Man!

We of the Church believe:

That all men of whatever race, colour or creed were created with equal rights.

That all men have inalienable rights to their own religious practices and their performance.

That all men have inalienable rights to their own lives.

That all men have inalienable rights to their sanity.

That all men have inalienable rights to their own defence.

That all men have inalienable rights to conceive, choose, assist and support their own organisations, churches and governments.

That all men have inalienable rights to think freely, to talk freely, to write freely their own opinions and to counter or utter or write upon the opinions of others.

That all men have inalienable rights to the creation of their own kind.

That the souls of men have the rights of men.

That the study of the mind and the healing of mentally caused ills should not be alienated from religion or condoned in non-religious fields.

And that no agency less than God has the power to suspend or set aside these rights, overtly or covertly.

And we of the Church believe:

That man is basically good

That he is seeking to survive

That his survival depends upon himself and upon his fellows and his attainment of brotherhood with the Universe.

And we of the Church believe that the laws of God forbid Man:

To destroy his own kind

To destroy the sanity of another

To destroy or enslave another's soul

To destroy or reduce the survival of one's companions or one's group.

And we of the Church believe:

That the spirit alone may save or heal the body.

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